

Creative curriculum – reptile activities

This week's creative curriculum work links with the story you have listened to in your literacy work this week – *Snapsy the Alligator (did not ask to be in this book)*.

As you will all have different resources, space and people to help you at home, I have tried to find a range of different things so that you can pick one or more that you would like to do.

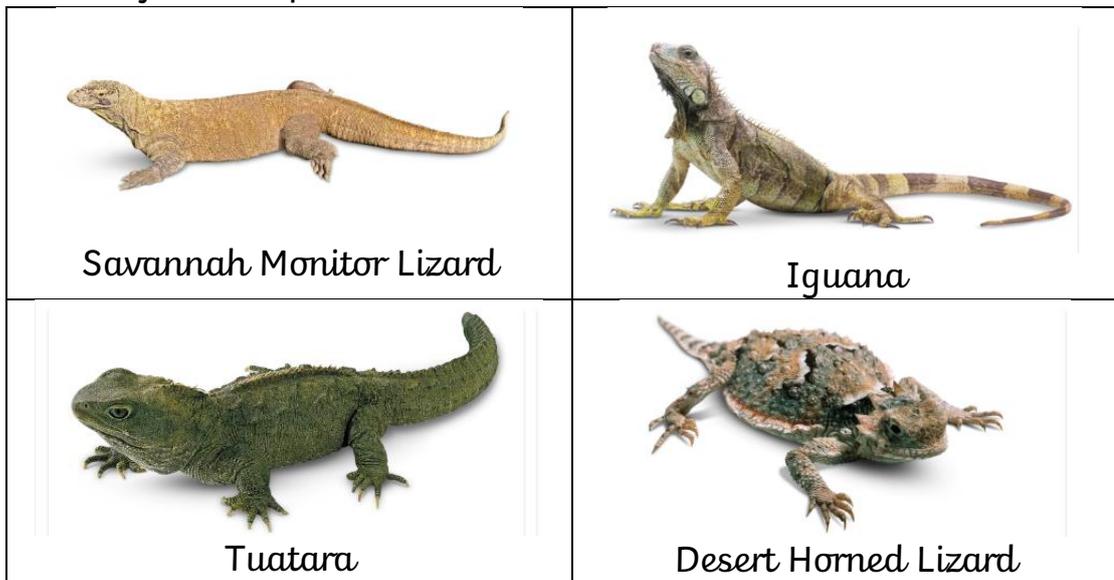
Reptiles quiz.

Try answering these questions about reptiles. You may need to use the internet to help you. This website is great (and where I found the quiz!) - <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/reptiles>

1. Which of these reptiles is not a type of snake?
 - a. Colubrid
 - b. Caiman
 - c. Viper
 - d. Boa
2. How do reptiles keep warm?
 - a. They huddle in groups to keep each other warm
 - b. They run around so they can warm up
 - c. They sunbathe when the sun comes out
 - d. They grow an extra layer of scales to warm their bodies up
3. Which of the following is a dangerously venomous lizard?
 - a. Filled lizard
 - b. Palm gecko
 - c. Chameleon
 - d. Gila monster
4. Where do tortoises lay their eggs?
 - a. In the trees
 - b. In the ocean
 - c. On the beach
 - d. In the ground
5. Which of these reptiles can change the colour of its skin?
 - a. Green tree python
 - b. Chameleon
 - c. Gharial

d. Giant tortoise

6. Which of these reptiles is the odd one out?



7. How does a rattlesnake kill its prey?

- a. By injecting it with venom
- b. By shaking its rattle
- c. By drowning it underwater
- d. By squeezing it to death

8. Which feature is visibly different between crocodiles and alligators?

- a. Tail
- b. Snout
- c. Feet
- d. Scales

9. Which of the below is the biggest reptile in the world?

- a. Komodo dragon – it is the worlds biggest lizard, but not biggest reptile
- b. Green anaconda
- c. Saltwater crocodile
- d. Green turtle

10. What is an unusual feature of a young tuatara?

- a. Feathers
- b. Bright red markings
- c. A fifth leg
- d. A third eye

Art and DT– reptile skin playdough

Make playdough that looks and acts a bit like reptile skin using this recipe:

You will need:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar
- 1 tbsp oil
- Green food colouring
- Mint flavouring
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup dried green split peas

Method

1. Mix together the flour, salt, cream of tartar, mint flavouring and oil in a large mixing bowl.
2. Add 5-10 drops of green food colouring (depending on how dark you want the playdough), to 1 cup of boiling water.
3. Add the boiling water to the other ingredients in the large bowl.
4. Stir the mixture well until it is combined together.
5. Once you feel it has cooled enough, tip it out on a flat surface, then knead in the split peas.
6. Get playing!

Ask an adult to help you with the boiling water, but have a go at measuring out and mixing everything else yourself.

Poetry

Try writing out the following poem in your neatest handwriting. Can you illustrate it, to show the different things that happen in the poem?

You could create a border around your writing or do your drawing in a space at the bottom of the page.

Oh She Sailed Away

Oh she sailed away
On a bright and sunny day
On the back of a crocodile
"You see", said she
"He's as tame as he can be
I'll ride him down the Nile."
Well, the croc winked his eye,
As she bade them all good-bye
Wearing a happy smile,
At the end of the ride
The lady was inside
And the smile was on the croc-o-dile.

Alligator game

In this game you will need clothes pegs like this.



If you don't have any, you may be able to find something else that works just as well, such as paper with a piece of Sellotape or paperclips.

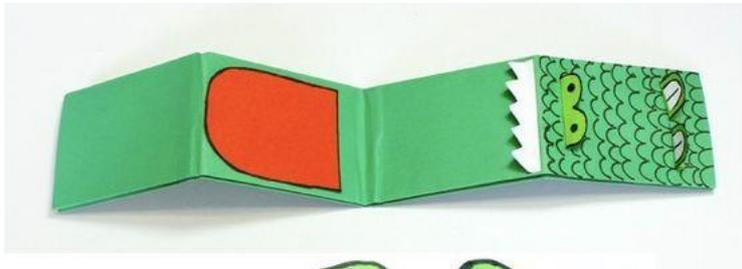
Your task in this game is to see how many clothes peg alligators you can clip on to other people without them noticing.

Rules

- Each player has 5 clothes pegs at the start of the game
- If someone notices you placing a clothes peg on their clothing, they take it off and give it back to you.
- Most clothes pegs wins without being caught wins!

- You must not hurt anyone intentionally while playing the game
- You must clip onto clothes (not the fingers or nose, etc.)

Extra - If you have paint and you are allowed to paint your clothes pegs, you could try making them look like alligators/crocodiles - like this



Art - paper puppet

Make a crocodile paper puppet

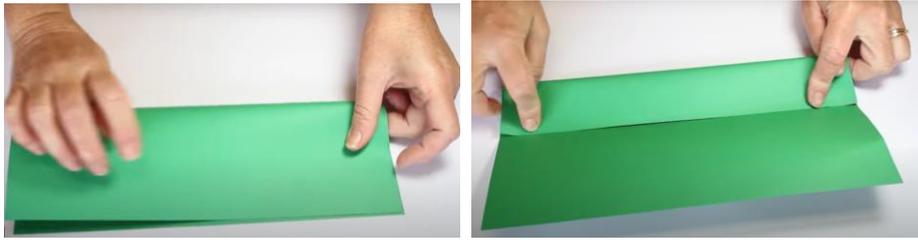


What you need:

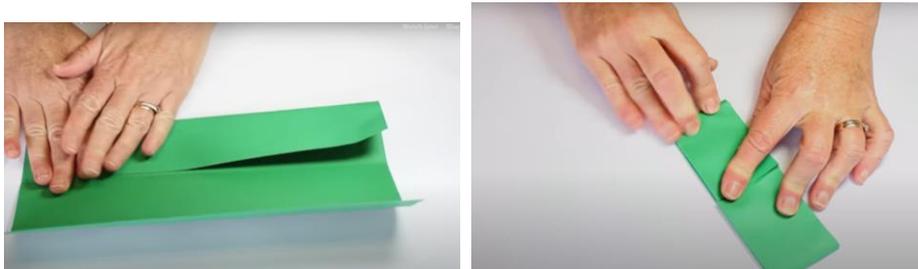
- A4 Green paper
- White paper
- Red paper
- Black Marker
- Scissors
- Glue



Instructions:



First get a piece of paper and fold it in half like this. If you have green paper, great, but if not any colour will be fine.



Next fold the two sides into the middle. Then fold it in half the other way and fold both ends to the middle. This should make a zigzag.



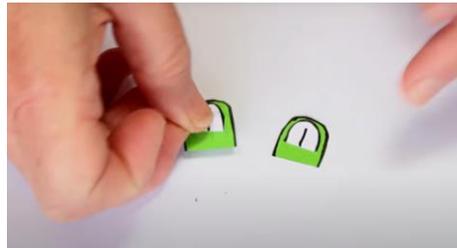
Stick the middle papers together at the two end. Then draw on the scaly



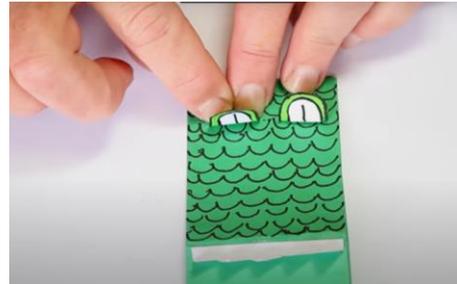
Next cut out a tongue and stick it in the crocodile's mouth. If you don't have spare paper, you can draw this in.



Next cut out teeth and stick them in. Use a ruler fold them back to they



stand out.



After that cut out and stick on two eyes. They should stick up on the top of the head.



Cut out a nose and stick it on. Now you have a crocodile (or alligator!) hand puppet!

If you prefer, there is a video showing you how to make this puppet you could watch here –

<http://www.makefilmpay.com/kids-crafts/how-to-make-a-crocodile-paper-puppet/>

Alligator Krispies

Ingredients

- 5g butter
- 300g marshmallows
- 90g Rice Krispies (or similar)
- 90g Corn flakes (for bumpy texture)
- Green food colouring

Instructions

Adult: Grease a tray pan with a little oil. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over a low heat. Add the marshmallows and cook gently until they are completely melted. Stir constantly before taking the pan off the heat. Pour into a large clean bowl. Add the food colouring and stir.

Child: Add the cereal to the bowl and mix using a plastic spoon.

Adult and child together: Press the mixture into alligator shapes. Let set and enjoy!

Art – weaving

If you have the materials at home to do some paper weaving, these look lovely.



Remember if you do these activities, or any others, I would love to see what you have been up to! Send any photos (if an **adult** has given permission) to the school's email address so they can be forwarded to me, or put on Twitter. - Office@stgabrielsprimary.co.uk

I hope you are enjoying all these different activities!

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